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VIA : Chief, Estimates Staff
NIE-41: Probable Developments in the Kashmir Dispute to the End
of 1951

1. Paragraphs 5 and 37 of the above draft estimate were drawn up by me in conjunction with the OIR representative after the end of the meeting of all IAC representatives yesterday. We agreed on the text in the form that appears in paragraph 37 as circulated, and in paragraph 5 of the draft "Conclusions" as they were before editing by you [REDACTED]. These paragraphs were not discussed with other IAC representatives, who appeared to feel that the question of UN action was largely in OIR's bailiwick.

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2. On a careful reading I think both paragraphs could be improved, both as to substance and clarity, by use of the formula that a cease-fire would be unlikely "if either side had suffered material losses of territory which it had a hope of recouping." This formula would replace the language beginning "if either side" in paragraph 5 as circulated, and that beginning "so long as" in the third sentence of paragraph 37 as circulated. The two replaced phrases give the two halves of the condition; the new formula pulls them both together.

3. This would entail no change in any other part of the text. The second sentence of paragraph 37 is consistent with the generalization, and is merely a specific illustration of it -- which OIR is keen to have referred to.

4. I do not believe this is a major point worth bringing up on our own, and suggest that the above change be discussed only if OIR makes an issue of it.

5. OIR has expressed some concern over the shortening of the "Conclusions," and requested a copy of this section as it was agreed to by the representatives. I enclose a copy of the same for your use if necessary.

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